

How to make a Voki and have an oral presentation read out by a cartoon character

A Voki is a talking avatar which can be used as an engaging way to practise speaking and listening skills. You can customise your character to look just the way you like and get it to speak using your own voice by uploading or recording up to a minute of audio. It also has a text-to-speech feature in a range of languages which can help improve your pronunciation too and you can publish your finished Voki on a blog or wiki for all the world to see.

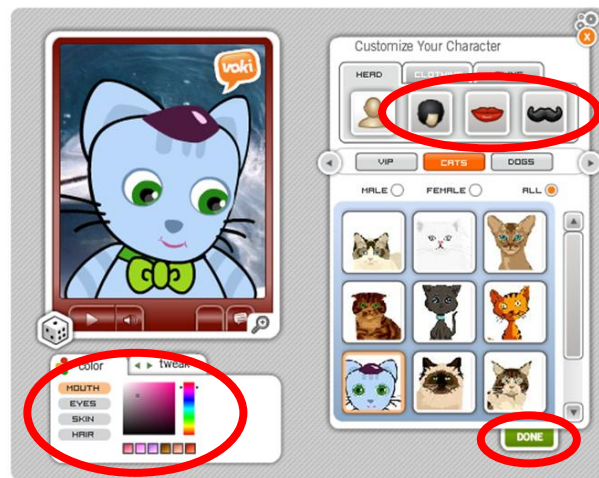
For shy pupils who want to protect their identity online, a Voki is ideal because they can hide behind the character and yet be encouraged to speak.



Creating a Voki

1. Go to Voki.com and click Get Started. (You do not have to register unless you want to save your Voki for editing later)
2. Click on the Choose your character icon and choose one of the categories (CATS, DOGS, DIGIMON, ANIME, EDGY, TOONS, CLASSIC, ODDBALLS, POLITICS, HOLIDAYS, ANIMALS, RANDOMS, VIP)
3. Once you've chosen which head you like, you can click on the other tabs and choose your clothing, hairstyle, and other accessories.

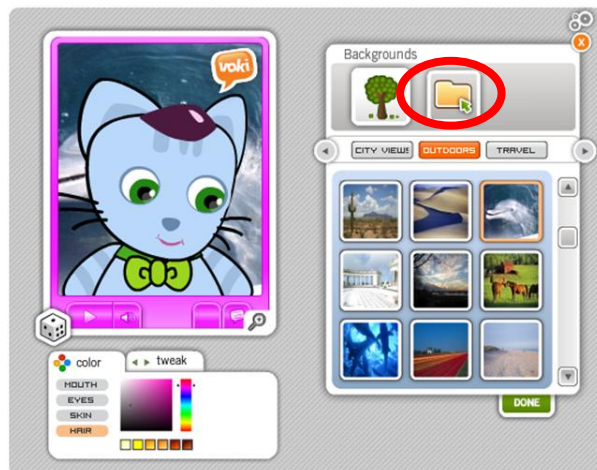
4. You can also customize your mouth, eyes, skin and hair by tweaking the controls on the left.
5. Once you are happy with your choices, click DONE.



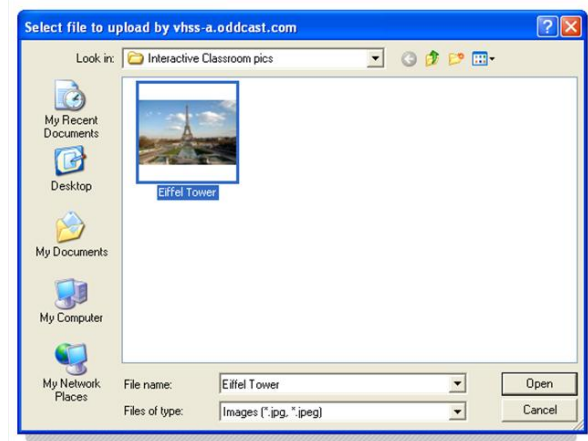
Choosing your background

1. Click the Backgrounds icon and select a background from one of the categories

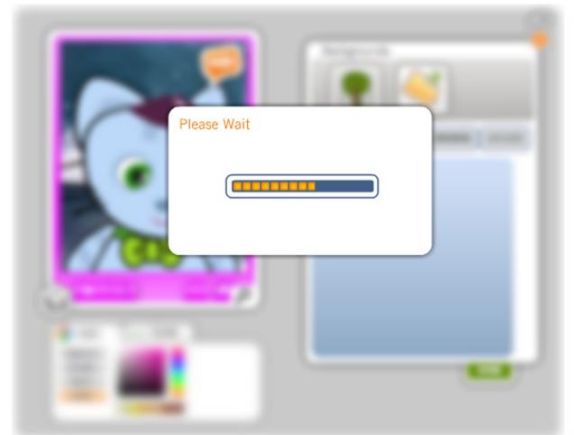
- CITY VIEWS
- OUTDOORS
- TRAVEL
- ANIMATED
- HOLIDAYS
- OBSCURE
- SPORTS
- INDOORS
- NIGHTLIFE



2. Alternatively, click the folder icon, then Browse. Find the image you want to upload and click Open.



3. Click Upload. Wait for the file to upload.



4. Click on it to select it and click DONE.

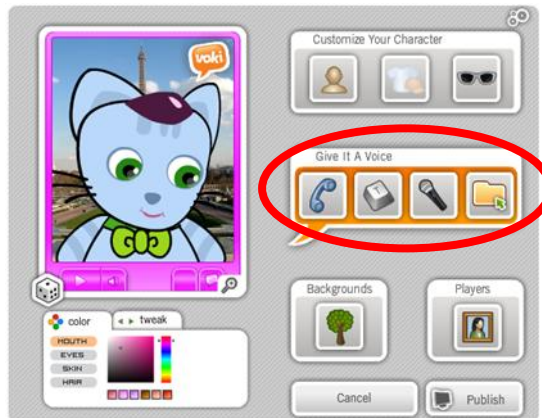


Choosing a player

1. To choose your Voki player, click on the Players icon.
2. Select the one you like and click DONE.



Giving your Voki a voice



To give your Voki a voice you can choose between using the Text-to-Speech feature, recording with a microphone or uploading an mp3, wma, PCM or wav file from your computer.

Text-to-Speech

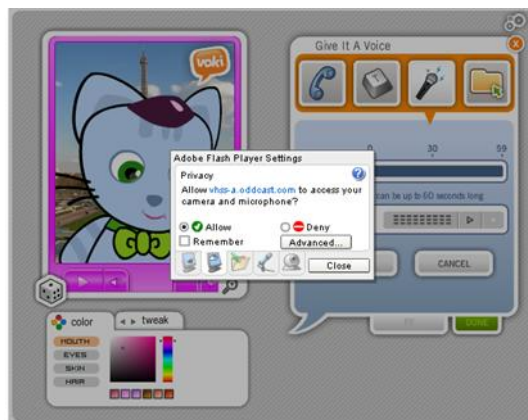
1. Click on the key icon for the Text-to-Speech feature.
2. Type in your text and choose the language and voice required.
3. Click DONE when you've finished.





4. To add a sound effect to your audio, click FX. Choose one of the options and click DONE.

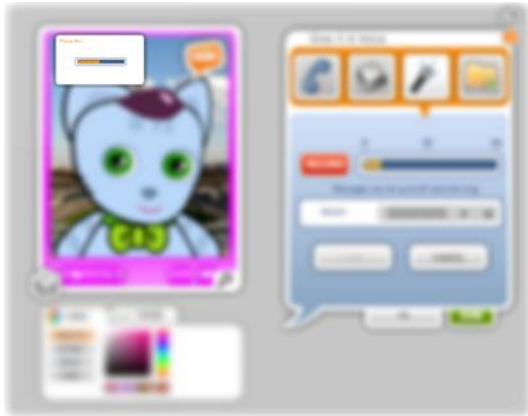
Recording with a microphone



1. Click on the microphone icon and give permission for it to be used. Press record and speak into the microphone for a maximum of 60 seconds.



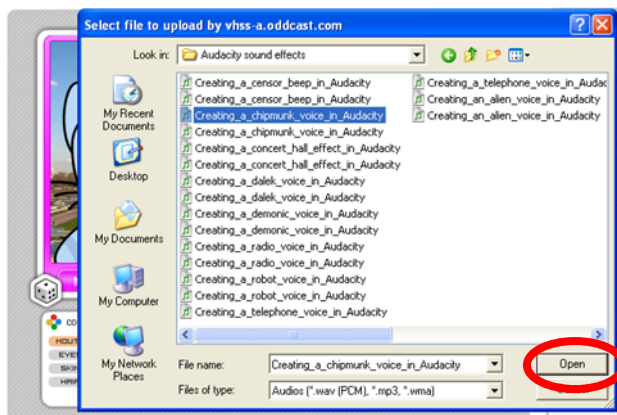
2. When you're finished, press stop and then SAVE.



3. Your Voki will then speak using your voice.
4. Click DONE.

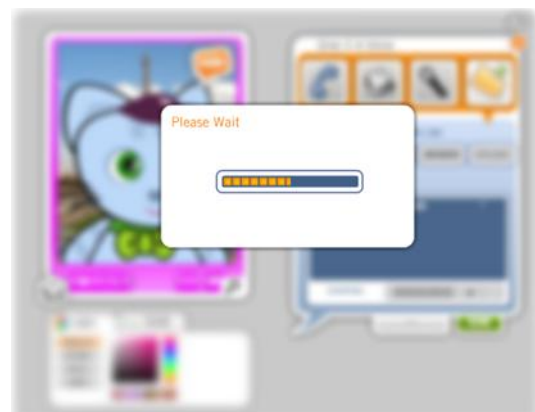
Uploading an audio file

1. Click on the folder icon and click BROWSE



2. Find the audio file you want to upload. Select it and click Open.

3. Click Upload.

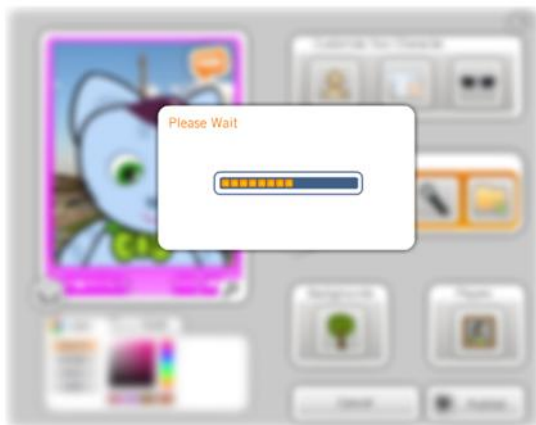
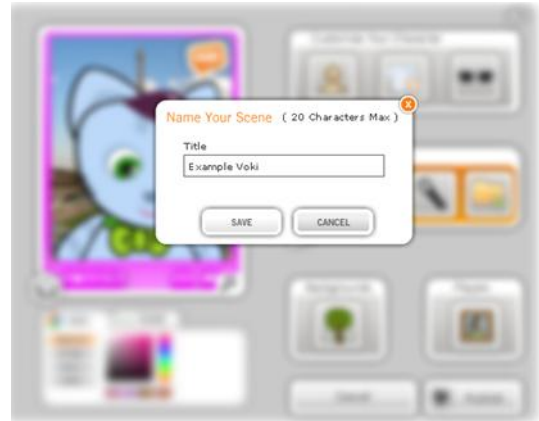


Voki will then speak the file you've uploaded.

6. Click DONE.

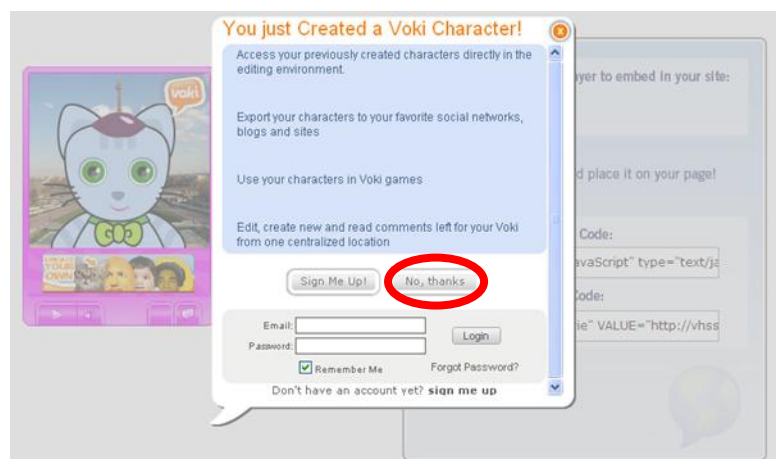
Publishing your Voki

1. Click the Publish icon.
2. Give your Voki scene a name
3. Click Save



4. Click Close

5. Click No. thanks, unless you want to register for a Voki account. This means you can edit the Vokis you've already made.



6. Click on the dropdown player next to size and select how big you would like your Voki to be.



7. Click on the box under For Most Sites Use This Code to highlight it. Right-click and select Copy.



8. Paste the code into a website, wiki or blog or save it as an email for publishing later.